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Applicants

Peter Rice et al.

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> PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's November 12, 2003 Final Action. With the extension, applicants must respond on or before May 12, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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